DAL-ACE

AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, 1991

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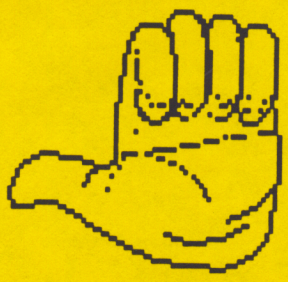
—a plea from 'over the Pond'



Infomart '2-month' warning

File Compression from 'Frantic'

Newsletter Advertisements

Personal ads are free to all current members. Please see the editor for details.

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Full page $35

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Business card $10

For an additional $10 per full page or $5 per partial page, you can request that your ad be placed on the inside front or back cover or the center-page spread. This service is first come, first serve.

Ads must be camera ready. Submission deadline for ad copy is the first of the month prior to publication date. That is, November 1 will be the deadline for your ad to appear in the December newsletter. Mail copy to the address on the back page, or contact the advertising manager, editor, or Vice President of Communications. Copy received after the deadline will be run the following month. For contract advertisers, if no new ad is received prior to the deadline, the most recent ad will be run.

Newsletter Submissions

Submissions are welcome in any form. It is requested of any 8-bit user that s/he upload articles to the club BBS or furnish a disk or hard copy to the editor.

Meeting Information

10:00 - 11:00 8-bit SIG
11:00 - 11:30 .....Disk Sales
11:30 - 12:00 .....Main Meeting
12:00 - 12:30 .....New users SIG
.....Newsletter Exchange SIG
12:30 - 2:00.....ST SIG

Infomart Directions

From North Dallas, take either Stemmons (I-35E) or the Dallas North Tollway south. From Stemmons, take the Oak Lawn exit, turn east, and park at the Infomart. If you are using the tollway, exit right on Wycliff, go left on Harry Hines Blvd. to Oak lawn, and turn right. From the south, take Stemmons north, then follow above directions. Infomart is the big, white, steel and glass building south of the other 'marts. GUESTS ARE WELCOME!!!

Editorial Policy

The Dal-ACE editorial staff reserves the right to edit your submission for spelling, punctuation, grammar, clarity, and for reasons of space limitations.

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From The Editor:

Last meeting there were no newsletters to pick up at the meeting and the previous month's newsletters were mailed days before the meeting. I find these matters inexcuseable in others as well as in myself. The fault is mine alone and I will try not to drop the ball for Dal-Ace again.

Sincerely,

Sandra Higgins Hanna

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Editor

July
8-Bit: Dave Gramm was our guide through the maze of (not quite nowdays) mind-bogglin' electronics inside our 8-bit machines that we were able to make sense of with the visuals provided by Rene Tucker. We still have those available, if any of you not attending want a copy. Send a SASE to Sandra, care of Dal-Ace. Dave said that Best Electronics carry all the parts, and that Electronics USA on Royal& Beltline in Dallas was a good place to find chips.

ST-Sig: Jay Wimmers showed us NeoDesk and I think all of us were impressed. Made us all hanker for an ST, and NeoDesk! Thanks, Jay. If you are interested in STs or programs for your ST, Jay can answer alot of your questions.

Main: Marc read a letter from a wayward Atarian in Italy (by way of NY) More on that in "From our Mail Bag".
Debbie talked to us about the new improvements in the BBs and Express. Handouts on that are also available for a 60-cent SASE. (It's 8 pages.) John Saunders, in charge of taking care of scheduling our meetings here at Infomart impressed upon us one more time, to redouble not only our efforts at getting new members, but that the membership needed to double, as well. Sign up that family, folks, or we won't have a nice place to meet next year. This is no joke. Dal-Ace bowling was tentively set for August 3rd. Auction for August meeting.

August 24
8-Bit: Demoed was SeaStalker Text Adventure by Infocom. It's a type-in reply style, and you can save at least 8 different positions to protect yourself from 'incoming'. We all got some laughs and had a good time with the game. Next came Music Studio by Activision. Although not as intuitive as Music Construction set by Electronic Arts, for the musically inclined, it was the t icket. If you have knowledge of reading sheet music, you might consider the program when you come upon it.
Main: Bowling was cancelled due to The Pepsi State Tourney. September will possibly have a picnic or Putt-Putt. Sandra Hanna announced that she will step down from the Newsletter Editorship effective December (officer-election month) Bill Hanna said that he would remain on the job unless voted out of office. The BBS is now tied with 4 other BBS systems (local Fido-net). Loading may take another 20 seconds, so be patient. Also, news that the Atari 8-Bit Echo is coming. Several ofour members brought up proof that Atari was indeed advertising! An ad for Paralegals showed a good ole Atari 800 on the desk of the sucessful businessperson! Plus, Wall Street Week mentioned Atari at the stock to buy because "they are getting out of the business and have lots of loose cash". Go figure. But, the good news--sorta--Terminator II showed a rather inventive use being made of Atari's handsome palmtop, the Portfolio. Go see it and find out what we're talking about!! Randy Smith brought up a neat ad by Goodman Music from L.A. showing Atari products. Jeff Golden told

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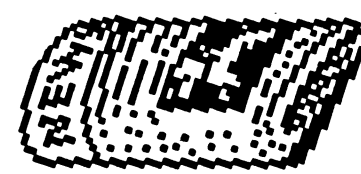

from August News, p.3

us that P&C Computer is moving and producing a new catalog.

Auction: If you missed this auction, you missed a great opprotunity to get some of the best bargains of the year! $1.00 brought happy bidders the Music Construction Set, a disk drive case—for two drives, a Musical Christmas card (printable). Craziest item: 3 Marvel (Computer-top) Characters went for $3.00. Best Buy: Atari printer for $27.00, and it works! Highest Bid: the printer. Betsy, as per rules (bent somewhat) was there and went for $10.00 to Sierra Hanna (again).

—Frantic (June)

File Compression

by Manuel Garcia

If you own a modem, our are probably awarethat computer programs are available on most bulletin boards (BBS) in their 'Files' section. When you check the files, you may notice the file names fave extenders you are familiar with such as *.EXE, *.OBJ, *.TXT, and *.BAS . There may be a few you might not recognize, mainly *.ARC and *.DCM. In order to save memory space on their boards, sysops will carry files in a compressed state. In order to get these programs to run, you must uncompress these files. There are two different programs that will accomplish this, SuperUnArc (v1.0) for *.ARC files, and Disk Communicator (v3.2) for *.DCM files. Once you have downloaded a file from a BBS, it is a good idea to save the compressed version as a backup. Should something happen to your working copy, you can easily create another from the backup disk. You can even place multiple compressed files on the same disk and save even more space. Or you can use these programs to duplicate your entire library and use less disks that ifyou had a 1:1 ratio....Both SuperUnArc and DisCom... are menu drive, and are easy to understand. Once you load them, you can call up a disk directory, format a disk, set up for single or multiple drive systems as well as uncompress files. You can also reverse the process should you want to compress a file of yours to upload to the BBS.

(Dal-Ace has several of these programs in our disk library and/or on the BBS)

Mail Bag

Dal-Ace got a letter from Steven Thomas, Box 492, APO NY 09240, asking; "I can't seem to print a color picture in color. Pictures I do print seem to be in 9-pin quality,not 24. A friend of mine has the same printer and he prints beautiful color in 24-pin quality!!! Help!!" Steven has 1040STF computer, SC1224 monitor, Megafile 30 hard drive, SF314, Citizen GSX 140 24-pin printer. Steven is interested in purchasing the Color ComputerEyes digitizer, but is waiting for his problem to be solved first. He has written many programmers and companies about the problem and has gotten NO response. If you fit one of these catagories, give Steven a line. Steven does not evidently have a modem. Someone might suggest that item to him. I. owner of likeprinter and have no problem with printing,

II. own ComputerEyes video digitizer, or

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III. own both items.

(We will pass this news to AUNT to help Steven in his quest.)

—Frantic(June) mentioned Epson's new addresses and numbers as:
Mailing:
Epson Accessories, Inc.
PO BOX 2903
Torrance, CA 90509-2903

Street Address:
20770 Madrona Ave., C3-00
Trrrance, CA 90503

Warehouse:
5355 West 76th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46268

Phone Numbers:
Orders: (800)873-7766
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Admin: (213)323-5151

DALACE RECIEPTS for July ,1991

Recieved from	Checks	Cash
8-bit disk sales		
ST disk sales		
Dues		20.00
Advertisements		
Other		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	0.00	20.00
SALES TAXPAYABLE	0.00	0.00
NET INCOME	0.00	20.00

DALACE EXPENSES for July ,1991

Paid to:	By: Check/	Cash
PRINTING	21.22	
POSTAGE		39.00
SUPPLIES		
TELEPHONE	57.61	
STATE TAX		
FED.TAX		
REFRESHMENTS	6.00	
MISC.		
Sub-total	84.83	39.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	ERROR	

SUMMARY		
	INCOME:	20.00
	EXPENSES:	ERROR
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BANKBOOK	
MONTH	JULY
STARTING BALANCE	634.26
DEPOSITS	
CHECKS DRAWN	84.83
ENDING BALANCE	549.43

DALACE RECIEPTS FOR AUGUST,1991

Recieved from	Checks	Cash
8-bit disk sales		
ST disk sales		
Dues		20.00
Advertisements		
Other		61.24
TOTAL RECEIPTS	0.00	81.24
SALES TAXPAYABLE	0.00	5.05
NET INCOME	0.00	76.19

DALACE EXPENSES FOR AUGUST,1991

Paid to:	By: Check/	Cash
PRINTING		
POSTAGE		
SUPPLIES		
TELEPHONE		
STATE TAX		
FED.TAX		
REFRESHMENTS		
MISC.	70.00	
Sub-total	70.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	ERROR	

SUMMARY	INCOME:	81.24
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BANKBOOK	
MONTH	August
STARTING BALANCE	549.43
DEPOSITS	60.00
CHECKS DRAWN	70.00
ENDING BALANCE	539.43

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WHEN YOU NEED HELP...

8-BIT: Donny Arnold 980-4245

before 10 p.m.

Ron King (817)283-0674

from 5-10 p.m.

Rene Tucker 223-6176

ST: Ralph Tenny 235-4035

from 7-10 p.m.

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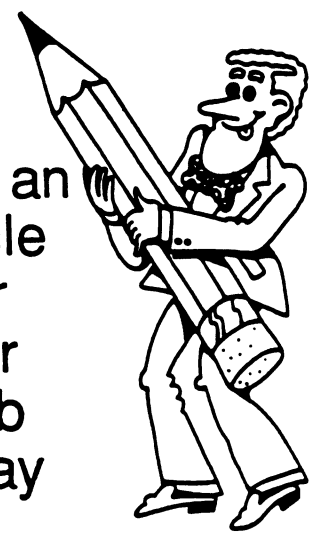

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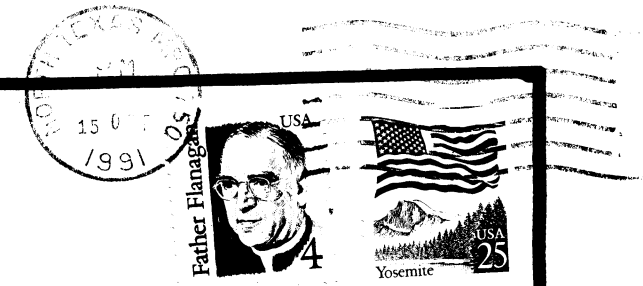

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